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MISSOULA---

Nikolai Gogol's production of "The Inspector General," under the direction of Alan Cook, associate professor of drama at the University of Montana, will be presented Nov. 30-Dec. 4 and Dec. 6-10 at UM in Missoula.

Curtain time for each of the 10 performances will be 8 p.m. in the UM Masquer Theatre.

Ticket prices are \$3 for the general public and \$2 for UM students. Group rates also are available. Seating capacity of the Masquer Theatre is 92, with all seats reserved. Box office hours are noon-6 p.m. weekdays. Reservations can be made by phoning 243-4581. Cook has been in Africa the past two years on leave from the University. The last production he directed here was "Midsummer's Night Dream."

A brief synopsis of "The Inspector General" follows.

In a Russian provincial town of the last century, life was very different than it is today, except in one respect. All the officials gladly accepted bribes and it is the only way to insure anything one wants done, gets done. The officials also have other vices including gambling, womanizing, embezzling and drinking. This is the way things have been for decades in this town; everybody is used to it and no one strongly objects.

Rumor reaches the mayor that a government inspector from the capital is coming. He could ruin everything if he is an honest man. While the town government decides what to do, a stranger arrives in town. He comes across as a man of breeding and the town soon decides he is the inspector general traveling incognito. To their delight he does accept bribes. To the delight of the Mayor's wife and daughter he is unmarried.

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The Czar had to personally intervene to get the play past the censors. Official Russia was outraged by the attack on the bureaucracy, but the theatre was filled every night by officials wanting to see the play. Gogol went into exile because the pressure was so great on him.

A listing of cast members and designers for "The Inspector General" follows: Wayne Crouse, junior in drama, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crouse of Kalispell, is cast as the Mayor, a lead role.

Toni Cross, graduate in drama and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cross of Hayti, Mo., is cast as Anna, the Mayor's wife, a lead role. James E. Lortz, senior in drama, son of Eleanor Lortz of Deer Lodge, is cast as Khlestakov, the "Inspector General," a lead role.

Mary Thielen, junior in drama and daughter of Robert P. Thielen of Helena, is cast as Marya, the Mayor's daughter, a major role.

Jeffrey Haberman, senior in drama, is cast as the Judge, a major supporting role. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Haberman of La Mirada, Calif.

Rikki Ricard, senior in drama and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ricard of Bozeman, is cast as the Director of Charities, a major supporting role.

Rich Hutzler, Missoula, junior in drama, is cast as Director of Education, a major supporting role.

Greg E. Gerard, junior in drama and son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gerard of Powell, Wyo. is cast as the Postmaster, a major supporting role.

Jerry McGarity, sophomore in drama and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGarity of Billings, is cast as Bobchinski, a major supporting role.

Darryll Broadbrooks, senior in drama and son of Dan and Harriett Broadbrooks of Malta, is cast as Bobchinski, a major supporting role.

J. Michael Brodniak, a senior in drama and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brodniak of Kalispell, is cast as Ossip, Kklestakov's servant, a major supporting role.

Lisa Lloyd Stamer, a graduate in drama and daughter of Mrs. J. P. Stamer of Alexandria, Va., is cast as Avdotia, the Mayor's maid.

Janaprakal Chandruang, junior in drama and son of Kumut Chandruang of Bangkok, Thailand, is cast as Dr. Somsuk, a major supporting role.

Joseph S. Arnold, a sophomore in drama, is cast as the Inspector of Police. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Arnold of Wauwatosa, Wis.

Kim Harryman Woods, junior in drama and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harryman, Libby, is cast as the Director of Education's wife.

Marne Lindhorst, senior in drama and son of Mrs. Irene Lindhorst of Great Falls, is cast in two roles--Abdulin and as a peasant. Abdulin is a merchant.

Jean Crupper, junior in drama and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crupper of Salmon, Idaho, is cast as the Corporal's wife, a petitioner to the Inspector General.

Kathie Harris Watson, sophomore in drama and daughter of Ed and Shirley Harris of Kuna, Idaho, is cast as the Locksmith's wife, a petitioner to the Inspector General.

Scott Phillips, freshman in drama and son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips of Chester, Mont., is cast as Derzhimorda, a policeman.

Garnett G. Myers Jr., freshman in drama and son of Garnett and Alice Myers of New Haven, Conn., is cast as a peasant.

Pam Ahern, freshman in drama and the daughter of Jean Ahern of Bigfork is cast as a peasant.

Gerre Anne Maillet, sophomore in drama and the daughter of John and Elenore Maillet of Missoula, is cast as a peasant.

Cindy Muller, graduate in drama, who is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Muller of Great Falls, is cast as a waitress.

Dee Cooper, graduate in drama and the daughter of Malcolm Snyder of Fredericktown, Ohio, is cast as a peasant.

Marc Haniuk, junior in drama and son of J. W. Haniuk of Helena, is the stage manager.

Dwayne Ague, freshman in drama and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ague of Great Falls, is the assistant stage manager.

Rolf Timothy Carlson, Missoula, graduate in drama, is the scenic and lighting designer.

Joyce Anna Hanson, senior in drama, is the costume designer. She is from Missoula.